



# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL HERALD



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## A TASTE OF GREECE 2004... A HUGE SUCCESS!

A Taste of Greece 2004 held September 17, 18, and 19 was, by all accounts, our most successful festival to date. Was it the weather? Was it the food? The ambiance? The number of young people who volunteered? The many xenoï who attended? It was probably all this and more.

In terms of gross income that's before expenses--and these are still coming in! the three days brought in a little more than \$154,000. Add to that more than \$23,000 which had come in before the festival, towards the souvenir book and the raffle, \$8,500 from vendors' fees, and \$6,400 from our sponsors (not to mention the donations in kind and amounts still coming in on the book, or the special Mini Cooper Raffle--(that's separate), we're looking at about \$192,000. It is conceivable that, when all is said and done, we are looking at just under \$200,000, the first time ever that we have done this well at a Festival. (The net usually is about half.) In terms of dollars, then, it was a huge success.

However, it was a huge success, perhaps more importantly, because of the other things, the intangible things like *building community*, like *bringing in volunteers* to help, by *engaging our youth*. We can't even begin to think of the number of volunteer hours that were put in, planning, cooking, running around, shopping, getting licenses, tents, tables, chairs, printed matter, advertising--it's mind-boggling. And we're reluctant to mention names, but there was Rose and huge amounts of volunteers doing the pre-cooking, and Loula and Popi and Despina and Mrs. Makras, and the Petersons, and a bunch more in the kitchen. How

about the Sooklarises and Elpida and the Ambuses and those men making souvlaki--Sakee and Mario and Con and their kids. And the food line--Tatiana and Pat and streams of volunteer servers, while Genie and Athena and the Mantzoroses and Diane, George and others at the cashiers. And how about those at the wine tasting booth--a big hit. Or Maria and John and Kathleen Bardis, picking up after everyone. Or the Karas brothers on the inside bar. Tom Moulas, George Ambus, and Justin on the outside bar. George and Lainey and company at the Greek Market. Niko Stathopoulos and his bride to be, along with Damon (former sous chef at the French Laundry, mind you) at *oktapodaki*. Phil Chiappari at *paidakia* (lamb chops). Connie Panagotacos at the raffle. The whole Ketchum clan at *saganaki* (grilled cheese). The Dance Groups at *gyros*. The Philoptochos at *pastries*, which they had spent countless hours preparing, besides their \$2,500 donation. Angie, Pat and Presbyteria Aliki at the souvenir book (bigger, better than ever--thanks Ari and Gumas Advertising). And Susan on advertising. Not to mention Caroline at advertising and at coordinating the volunteers. Let's not forget those who counted and kept track of everything--John and Mike and Jim D. and Nick and Peter. Everybody working together under the great planning of *Taste of Greece 2004's* Chair, Tessie Obester, who saw to every detail. Did we forget anyone? We're sure we have.

We are grateful to each and every one of you. Thank you. We're also mindful of the Nuris kids and the Mithos kids and others who took it upon themselves to go around and sell those signature

tote bags, bringing in about \$500 on this effort alone! Our future Parish Council members and festival workers.

Oh, the young people and their ideas! We mentioned wine tasting, and the market, and the *saganaki* and the *paidakia* and the octopus, all new this year, as was the *martinaki*. And aprons, and stemware and totes and those triangular cards explaining just about everything. And more banners and new signage. And those cards advertising the festival--what a hit! It could be those cards that played a major role in bringing just under 10,000 people in over three days.

Already, we've begun analyzing the future of *A Taste of Greece*. Next year's dates, incidentally, are **September 16, 17, 18**. (Jot them down.) We're even looking into holding the event off-site. We'll have to, eventually, certainly when we begin building Phase II. And that won't be long, now.

As we speak, we're giving consideration to going to, say, Fort Mason, for *Taste of Greece 2005*. Why not? Bigger, better, ever excelling. Isn't this what it's all about?

We'll keep you posted.

**DID WE SAY  
THANKS TO  
ALL THE VOLUNTEERS?**

**EVEN IF WE DID -  
WE CAN'T SAY IT  
ENOUGH -**

**THANK YOU  
FOR ALL YOUR TIME  
AND EFFORT!**



## PARISH ASSEMBLY NOVEMBER 17

Parishioners of the Cathedral in good standing are invited to participate in the second Parish Assembly for 2004. The Assembly will convene Wednesday, November 17 at 7 p.m., in the Cathedral's Korinthias Center. The agenda is as follows:

### Opening Prayer

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Minutes of the May 19, 2004 Parish Assembly

### 3. Treasurer's Report

### 4. Stewardship

### 5. Youth Report

### 6. President's Report

### 7. Dean's Report

### 8. Board of Auditors

### 9. Nominating Comm. Report

(The Nominating Committee becomes the Board of Elections; Parish Council elections will take place Sunday, December 12, following the Divine Liturgy.)

### 10. Philoptochos and other organization news

### 11. Old Business

### 12. New Business

### Closing Prayer

While we have a full agenda, we anticipate the Assembly will conclude by 9 p.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

## HONORING PAT ALECK NOVEMBER 20

Due to illness, the dinner to honor **Patricia Aleck**, scheduled for earlier this year, will instead take place on Saturday, November 20, at the Korinthias Hall of the Annunciation Cathedral. No host cocktails will be held beginning at 6 p.m. These will be followed by dinner, at 7 p.m. The donation is \$40. **Pat Aleck** has for virtually all her life been an important member of the Cathedral family. We are hard pressed to think of an area in which Pat did not participate. Notably, she served on the Parish Council in various capacities, including that of President. She continues to serve, as Assistant Treasurer. She is also a hard-working member of the Philoptochos, both as a member of the Cathedral's Philoptochos Board and the Metropolis Philoptochos Board. **Tom Nuris**, our Parish Council President, chairs the *Honoring Pat Aleck Committee*.

## METROPOLITAN ANTHONY RETIRES IN 2005; FINAL BANQUET AT CATHEDRAL

In the last issue of the Herald, we reprinted a letter from His Eminence, Metropolitan Anthony, announcing his retirement as Metropolitan of the Holy Metropolis of San Francisco by the end of 2005.

A number of celebratory banquets, honoring His Eminence for twenty-five years of dedicated, enthusiastic service to this vast Metropolis, are being planned throughout the year. The four regional events will culminate with a final weekend of celebrations, including a grand banquet to be held at the Annunciation Cathedral's Korinthias Hall Saturday, October 29, 2005. Please note the date. The banquet committee, headed by **Valerie Roumeliotes** and the Metropolitan Philoptochos, will forward a formal invitation to you, so that you may have the opportunity to thank His Eminence for his quarter century of service and leadership and to wish him well.

## 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Meanwhile, we are making plans to mark the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the Annunciation. Recall that our community began in 1921 as St. Sophia. Following six years in a church at Hayes and Pierce Streets in San Francisco, in 1927 acquired the Valencia Street Theater, which it turned into a church. Having been named as Cathedral Church for the newly established Diocese of San Francisco. (Initially there were four Dioceses which made up the Archdiocese, established in 1922; these were: New York, Boston, Chicago and, of course, San Francisco.) In 1936 the community reorganized as "United Greek Orthodox Community of San Francisco, The Annunciation." It is known, simply, as "Annunciation Cathedral." It is this reorganization which we will be celebrating in the year 2006. November 11, 2006 is the date selected for this gala celebration. *Please note the date.*

## HONORING THE KORINTHIAS COMMITTEE

Nearly ten years ago, when our buildings were but a shell, a "Korinthias Committee" came into being. This committee, headed by **Steve Chapralis**, **Frank Fotenos**, and **Michael Vriheas** raised funds to lay the floor in the gym, as well as install the backboards the score board, the lighting and other features of our multi-purpose facility. (Frank also helped spearhead the initial fund raising program, while Mike oversaw the construction of the entire project on behalf of the Cathedral.)

The facility, as we know, was named for **Bill Korinthias**, founder of the athletic program at the Cathedral and elsewhere and "father" of the OYAA (Orthodox Youth Athletic Association). It is time we honor these people for their efforts, which raised nearly \$200,000 for this facility.

On March 12, 2005, a dinner will be held at the Korinthias Center, and a plaque, with the names of those who made the floor possible, will be unveiled. Please mark your calendars. Additional information will be forthcoming.

## AT THE OLYMPICS

The last two weeks of August, our homes were transformed into extensions of the Panathenaikos Stadium and other venues where the games of the XXVIII Olympiad were held. We prayed and we hoped. For safety of the athletes and spectators; and also that the various structures, along with the infrastructure, would be ready in time. The games exceeded everyone's wildest expectations and were subsequently hailed as some of the best ever. That makes us all very proud. Certainly, it demonstrates what people can accomplish when they set their goals on lofty things.

Anyway, while we were glued to the television those two weeks, a number of our parishioners were right there, including **Frosene Phillips** of the *Hellenic Journal*, **Dean** and **Georgene** and **Jennifer Poulakidas**, and **Chrisoula Stratoudakis**, and **Gus Panagotacos**.



Gus was, in fact, a member of the U. S. Baseball Team. That takes us back to other games. To the Berlin games, in which our **Bill Korinthias** participated, and even the Salt Lake winter games two years ago, where our **Ray Piccinini** carried the torch through North Beach. **Metropolitan Anthony** was also there for the games and was in the stadium for closing ceremonies.

Wow!

**MACARIAS**  
**SPONSORED BY**  
**LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS**

Angie Leventis  
Philoptochos President

With this message, I hope that I will be able to convey to all the parishioners the procedure which takes place in the event a family requests a macaria for the passing of a loved one. Lately, we have experienced some adverse reactions to the method that macarias are handled at the Cathedral and hopefully the following will clarify some of these issues.

It is the policy of the Annunciation Cathedral that all macarias whereby the family requests that it be held on our premises will be coordinated by the Ladies Philoptochos Society. We have a standard menu which includes, the rent of the hall, setup and cleanup and, of course, the preparation and serving of the food. Included in the total price is the cognac, biscotti and white wine on the tables. We also have red wine upon request. In addition, we also allow the family to bring any additional items if they so

desire, and we will gladly place them on the buffet table. If the family requests additional items from Philoptochos which deviates from the standard menu, then the price per serving will be negotiable. For example, there are instances where families have requested coldcuts and/or chicken in addition to the fish which is served. At the end of the luncheon, any leftover food is packaged by the Philoptochos ladies and given to the family. In most cases, this entails only one phone call to the Philoptochos requesting a macaria and it gets done.

The food which is served by the Philoptochos is of the highest quality and all vegetables and fruits which we use are fresh. We receive nothing but compliments for the way we prepare the food and the gracious way our members present themselves to the families.

Many of you have expressed concern as to what do we do with any surplus funds after we have paid all the bills for the preparation of the food. All Philoptochos chapters across the country have commitments that they have to meet each year for various philanthropic projects both on a National Level and a Metropolis level. Some of these projects are for major diseases facing our country today, i. e., cancer, heart disease and AIDS. Another wonderful project on a different scale sponsored by the Metropolis Philoptochos of San Francisco is the Bishop Anthony Student Aid Endowment Fund. This fund provides assistance to students entering the priesthood at Holy Cross in New York. This year, our Chapter

has been selected to host the Annual Christmas Brunch which will take place at our Cathedral on Saturday, December 4, 2004, to raise funds for this endowment fund. We promise you that this will be an outstanding affair and we hope that all of you will attend. Another project which our chapter is heavily involved in is the **Kids n' Cancer Project** where once a year for one week we sponsor several children with cancer and their families with all expenses paid to St. Nicholas Ranch in Dunlap, CA.

On a local level we give annually to Laguna Honda, San Francisco General Hospital, and our Sixth of Mission center where young children born of parents who cannot care for them properly have a place to go after school. We also provide assistance to disadvantaged individuals within our own community. In addition, we are building up our own Philoptochos Building Fund which will eventually be given to the Annunciation Cathedral Building Fund for Phase II.

To achieve all of this, it takes dedication and commitment by many Philoptochos members, who volunteer to do these macarias. In many instances, they take time away from their personal lives to do the preparation and to work in the kitchen. These volunteers are the backbone of our Philoptochos, and I congratulate them and wish them good health and a long life of happiness.

The menu is accessible to everyone and if you wish a copy, please forward your FAX No. to me, *Angie Leventis*, and I will gladly send you a copy.

**ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL**  
**PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY SCHEDULE -**  
**REMAINDER OF 2004**

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|-----------------------------|------------|--|
| Sunday, October 10, 2004    | 12:00 noon | Amelia Antonopoulos 3-yr Memorial              |
| Thursday, October 14, 2004  | 1:00 p.m.  | General Meeting -<br>2nd Floor Conference room |
| Thursday, November 11, 2004 | 1:00 p.m.  | General Meeting -<br>2nd Floor Conference room |
| Sunday, November 14, 2004   | 12:00 Noon | Thanksgiving Luncheon                          |
| Saturday, December 4, 2004  | 11:30 a.m. | Holiday Brunch/Metropolis Philoptochos         |
| Thursday, December 9, 2004  | 1:00 p.m.  | General Meeting -<br>2nd Floor Conference room |



# FOCUS ON YOUTH

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 26

We thought it best this year not to begin Sunday School right after Labor Day, for just one Sunday, to be followed immediately by our Festival. We thought it best to wait until after the Festival. And, so, Sunday School began Sunday, September 26. We are especially excited this year to be adding a high school class, to be taught by Caroline Pappajohn, with the assistance of the Cathedral clergy.

For the lower grades, parents are invited to attend Sunday School with their children in order to meet the teachers. They will outline their goals and objectives for the Sunday School year. Parents are invited to participate in their children's religious formation by following up at home with the lessons taught in Sunday School.

Please note the schedule for Semester I, which runs from September 26 through January 9. (The schedule for Semester II will appear in the December Herald.)

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| Sunday, September 26  | First day of Sunday School (Pre-K - 8th grades)   |
| Sunday, October 3     | New High School Class Begins  |
| Sunday, October 10    | Regular classes held  |
| Sunday, October 17    | Regular classes held  |
| Sunday, October 24    | Regular classes held  |
| Sunday, October 31    | Regular classes held/<br>Halloween party to follow  |
| Sunday, November 7    | Regular classes held/<br>Food Drive begins  |
| Sunday, November 14   | Regular classes held  |
| Sunday, November 21   | Regular classes held  |
| Thursday, November 25 | Thanksgiving Services (no classes held)<br>Coffee & Donuts by the Sunday School following the Liturgy |
| Sunday, November 28   | No classes held (Thanksgiving weekend)<br>Food drive ends   |
| Sunday, December 5    | Regular classes held/<br>practices for pageant  |
| Sunday, December 12   | Christmas pageant practices   |
| Sunday, December 19   | ChristmasPageant/<br>Activities/Lenten luncheon   |
| Sunday, December 26   | No classes (Christmas holiday)  |
| Sunday, January 2     | No classes (New Year's holiday)   |
| Sunday, January 9     | Regular classes held  |

### DANCE PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The Cathedral's folk dance program has resumed on Tuesday, September 28th, following a restful but eventful summer. The Cathedral currently has some eighty youngsters enrolled in the program. There are four groups:

1) **Angelakia** (our youngest group). This group is open to children 4 to 7, and is taught by **Michael Garibaldi** and **Leah Stavarakas**. It practices Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. (sharp) until 7:15 p.m.

2) **Philadelfakia** (our next youngest group). This group is open to children ages 8 to 13. It is taught by **Elpida Stavarakas**, **Michael Garibaldi** and **Leah Stavarakas**. It practices Tuesdays, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

3) **Kymata** (our intermediate group). This group is made up of young people 14 to 18 years of age. It is taught by **Athena Stavarakas**, **Irene Kyriacou** and **Lea Lyberopoulos**. It practices Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

4) **Arete** (our senior group). This group is made up of young adult dancers, 19 and up. It is taught by **Irene Kyriacou** and **Lea Lyberopoulos**. It practices Sundays, following the Divine Liturgy.

All our groups are preparing to participate at the Folk Dance Festival, to be held at the Convention Center in Ontario, California February 17-20, 2005. Angelakia will be participating in an exhibition (non competitive) performance, while the other three groups will participate in competition. Forms for all groups must be filed by December 31. Accordingly, we have open enrollment for participating in the groups. **The cutoff date for enrollment is October 31.** We would urge those interested in joining the dance program to do so well in advance of the cutoff date of October 31. To register, show up and introduce yourself to the director on the days when practice is scheduled. A fee of \$100 for each dancer shall be paid upon registration. In addition, a stewardship pledge at the Cathedral is required. The fee goes to offset expenses in connection with the program, including materials and directors' FDF expenses. It does not cover dancers' participation at FDF, nor does it cover costs for costumes.

To help offset these costs, fund raising events, such as the Glendi planned for October 16 are held. Dancers and their families are expected to participate in these fund raising efforts. For further information, please call the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

### DANCE GROUP GLENDI OCTOBER 16

The Annunciation dance groups will be hosting a Glendi, honoring **Father Stephen** on the occasion of his birthday, on Saturday, October 16, at the Annunciation Korinthias Hall. The glendi promises to be an evening of fun and dancing with live music by **Greek Compania**. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m., with cocktails and appetizers, followed by dinner. The cost of the Glendi is \$35.00 per person, \$15.00 for teens and \$10.00 for children under 10 years of age. Dancers are guests. However, they will be performing for your pleasure and helping with setting up and clearing of tables. To make a reservation or, for further information, contact **Tula Kallas-Chase** at 510 432-0194 or **Athena Stavarakas** at 650 219-4168 or complete the cutoff portion of the flyer, available at the Pangari, and mail it to: Cathedral Glendi, c/o Kathie Garibaldi, 251 Palm Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030 by October 9.

### TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR A CAUSE ON "SILENT NIGHT"

This Halloween, scare up used eyeglasses for people in need, as you trick or treat. Bring the glasses to Sunday School on Sunday, November 7th and we, in turn, will donate them to the Lions Club to be distributed to the needy.

### ALL YOUTH HALLOWEEN PARTY

Children of all ages are invited to join our 5th annual Halloween Party. The party will take place at the Cathedral, following the Divine Liturgy, on Sunday, October 31, until 2:30 p.m. Costumes may be brought to church but may be put on only after the Divine Liturgy, that is, after you have received your antidhoron. The party will feature our famous haunted maze, arts n' crafts, play games, many surprises, as well as food. We welcome the assistance of parents and older youth, of GOYA or YAL age. To volunteer to help, please call Denise Yeilding, at 415 585-5883.



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT/LUNCHEON

Our Sunday School students invite you to share with them as they tell us, in their own way, about the birth of Christ. A play or pageant will be presented, composed of a number of parts. Students accepting parts in the play should attend Sunday School regularly in order to familiarize themselves with the parts and enhance their performance. A complimentary lenten (i.e. meatless) luncheon, sponsored by the Sunday School, will follow. Who knows? Santa may just appear. In any case, there will be a variety of activities for the children, in a festive atmosphere. Every year, this becomes a wonderful family event. Needless to say, many volunteers are needed to pull this off. Please call Denise Yeilding, at 415 585-5883 and offer to assist.

## IV BASKETBALL PRACTICE BEGINS OCTOBER 14

Junior Varsity Basketball practice for the 2004-2005 season will begin in the Cathedral's Korinthias Center on Thursday, October 14, at 6:30 p.m. All boys and girls who are of the Orthodox faith and who are registered for Sunday School are welcome to participate. This coming season promises to be a most enjoyable and successful one; let's get ready to play ball!

## FOOD DRIVE

Each year Sunday School participates in the San Francisco Food Bank Drive for the needy. Food is distributed to the homebound, to seniors, and homeless individuals. There is a wonderful lesson to be learned here, which has to do with God's love, tolerance, and the gift of giving.

We thank you in advance for your generous participation in the Food Drive.

## GREEK SCHOOL BEGINS OCTOBER 6

Wednesday, October 6 is the start date of the 2004-2005 Greek School year. We are all set to go. Teachers and materials are in place. And we are looking forward to seeing all of our young people, first graders and up, who wish to learn the language of their ancestors. Greek School takes place every Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The tuition is \$200 per student for the entire year. Following the children's beginners and intermediate Greek class is a class for adults who wish to learn the language. Father Stephen, Fiori, Ismene and Demetra look forward to welcoming you.

## YOUNG ADULTS TO GATHER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Renew friendships and create new ones with young adults from all over the country! All events are open to individuals 18 and older! Join us for a memorable event over Veteran's Day Weekend in November! Meet the author of "A Guide To Greek Traditions And Customs In America."

The Hotel is the Marriott at Metro Center. Make your reservations today! Call the Marriott at 202 737-2200. Ask for the "YOUNG ADULT LEAGUE" rate.. ONLY \$99 each night! (Make sure you book by October 29th to get the \$99 rate!)

You may also want to check the internet for good rates as well!

## NEWS FROM ST. NICHOLAS RANCH

### Fall Family Camp 2004: Plant a Tree! – October 22-24

Space is filling fast for Family Camp 2004! Join us for a weekend of family fun that will include apple cidering, canoeing, campfires, hay rides, and much more. This year, each family will also be planting a tree at on the Ranch grounds. Year after year, you will be able to watch your "family tree" grow and remember the good times you had at family camp.

### Orthodox Peace Fellowship 2004 Conference – October 29-31

"Salt of the Earth, Light of the World: Living the Similitudes in our Communities"—this is the theme of the 2004 Orthodox Peace Fellowship Conference, which will focus on finding ways of living out our Orthodox faith in our local neighborhoods and communities. Workshops will be led by leaders from a variety of outreach ministries. Featured speakers will include author Jim Forest, Greg and Margaret Yova of Project Mexico, and Fr. John Chrysavgis. The conference is open to both members and non-members of the Orthodox Peace Fellowship. For more information, visit the OPF website at: [www.incommunion.org](http://www.incommunion.org) <<http://www.incommunion.org>>. For more information or to sign up for either of these events, call the Ranch at (559) 338-2103, or visit their website at: [www.stnicholasranch.org](http://www.stnicholasranch.org) <<http://www.stnicholasranch.org>>



Our Sunday School children selling aprons at the Food Festival and then, as a result of their efforts, the following Sunday, presenting the Cathedral a check for \$600. Kids are great salespeople - they are irresistible!



# ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

## ΤΟ ΕΦΕΤΙΝΟ ΦΕΣΤΙΒΑΛ ΣΗΜΕΙΩΣΕ ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΕΠΙΤΥΧΙΑ

Το φεστιβάλ της Κοινότητας γίνεται κάθε χρόνο για πολλούς σκοπούς: και για να μαζέψουμε χρήματα να ενισχύσουμε τα πολλά προγράμματά μας, και να φέρουμε κόσμο να προβάλλουμε την Ορθόδοξη Πίστη μας και την Ελληνική Κληρονομιά μας, ακόμα και για να παραχωρήσουμε στους νέους μας την δυνατότητα να συμμετέχουν. Όλα αυτά, και περισσό-τερα, πετύχαμε με το εφετινό μας φεστιβάλ. Ευχαριστούμε όλους όσοι συνεργάστηκαν. Μπορούμε να πούμε ότι, από απόψεως των άνω σκοπών, ήταν πράγματι από τα πιο επιτυχημένα μας φεστιβάλ. Ιδιαίτερα ευχαριστούμε την **Αναστασία Καλλιγέρου** **Ομπεστερ**, πρόεδρο της προσπάθειας αυτής, μαζί με τους συνεργάτες της.

## ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΤΩΝ ΜΕΛΩΝ ΤΟΥ ΚΑΘΕΔΡΙΚΟΥ ΝΑΟΥ

Η δεύτερη Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού για το έτος 2004 θα λάβει χώραν στην αίθουσα συνεδριάσεων του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού την Τετάρτη, 17 Νοεμβρίου, και ώρα 7 μ.μ. Η ημερησία διάταξη έχει ως ακολούθως:

Προσευχή

1. Εκλογή Προέδρου
2. Πρακτικά 19ης Μαΐου 2004
3. Αναφορά Ταμία
4. Στούαρντσιπ
5. Αναφορά Νεολαίας
6. Αναφορά Προέδρου
7. Αναφορά Ι. Προϊσταμένου
8. Αναφορά Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής
9. Αναφορά Ονομαστικής Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής
10. Φιλόπτωχος και άλλες Οργανώσεις
11. Παλαιά Θέματα
12. Νέα Θέματα

Προσευχή

Καλούνται τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού όπως έλθουν και συμμετάσχουν στην Γενική Συνέλευση αυτή των Μελών μας.

## ΤΟ ΚΑΤΗΧΗΤΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ

Επίσης πληροφορείστε ότι το Κατηχητικό Σχολείο για παιδιά ετών 3 έως 12 άρχισε την περασμένη Κυριακή, 26 Σεπτεμβρίου. Το Κατηχητικό για παιδιά ηλικίας γυμνασίου θα αρχίσει στις Οκτωβρίου. Το μάθημα αυτό προστίθεται εφέτος ακριβώς διότι το ζήτησαν τα ίδια τα παιδιά. Τα παιδιά διψούν να μάθουν για την Αγία Γραφή, για την Πίστη μας: επίσης, τα απασχολούν τόσα θέματα, που οι καιροί δημιουργούν, με την εξέλιξη της επιστήμης και την παγκόσμια παρουσία και χρήση του υπολογιστή. Είναι περιττόν να σας παροτρύνουμε να φέρνετε τα παιδιά σας, διότι γνωρίζουμε τις προσπάθειες των γονέων και τη θέληση των παιδιών. Απλώς σας ευχαριστούμε. Το Κατηχητικό μας Σχολείο, με 150 και πλέον παιδιά, λειτουργεί τις Κυριακές 10:15 π.μ. έως 12 το μεσημέρι. Στις 11:30 π.μ. τα παιδιά κατεβαίνουν για

την Θεία Κοινωνία και το υπόλοιπο της Θείας Λειτουργίας.

## ΑΡΧΙΖΕΙ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ

Το Ελληνικό μας Σχολείο αρχίζει την Τετάρτη, 6 Οκτωβρίου. Με χαρά σας πληροφορούμε ότι, πέρυσι το Ελληνικό Σχολείο είχε πάνω από 30 μαθητές συνολικά. Προβλέπεται να αυξηθεί ο αριθμός των μαθητών εφέτος, και λόγω της δραστηριότητας του διδακτικού προσωπικού, αλλά και επειδή αισθανόμαστε την ανάγκη να διατηρήσουμε την ταυτότητά μας σαν απόγονοι εκείνων που έδωκαν στον κόσμο τον πιο λαμπρό πολιτισμό, εκείνων που παρουσίασαν πρόσφατα τους πιο επιτυχείς Ολυμπιακούς αγώνες. Τα μαθήματα για παιδιά (ηλικίας τουλάχιστον 1ης δημοτικού) θα γίνονται 4-6 μ.μ., και στη συνέχεια τα μαθήματα για ενήλικους. Τα διδάκτρα παραμένουν \$200 το παιδί.

## ΧΟΡΟΕΣΠΕΡΙΔΑ ΤΩΝ ΧΟΡΕΥΤΙΚΩΝ ΜΑΣ ΣΥΓΚΡΟΤΗΜΑΤΩΝ ΣΤΙΣ 16 ΟΚΤΩΒΡΙΟΥ

Καλείσθε όπως παρευρεθείτε εις την χοροεσπερίδα που οργανώνουν τα χορευτικά μας συγκροτήματα για την ενίσχυση του προγράμματος του χορού εδώ στον Καθεδρικό Ναό. Η χοροεσπερίδα θα λάβει χώραν το Σάββατο, Οκτωβρίου, 6 μ.μ. δεξίωση, 7 μ.μ. δείπνο. Καθ' όλη την διάρκεια της χοροεσπερίδας μουσική θα παίξει η ορχήστρα "Ελληνική Κομπανία." Η προσφορά είναι \$35 το άτομο, \$15 για παιδιά 11-17 ετών, και \$10 για παιδιά 5-10 ετών (δωρεάν δε για τα παιδιά που λαμβάνουν μέρος εις το χορευτικό πρόγραμμα). Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες και για να κλείσετε θέσεις τηλεφωνείστε στην Τούλα Καλλίρη στο 510 538-8079 ή στην Αθηνά Σταυρακάρα στο 650 219-4168.

## ΤΙΜΑΤΑΙ Η ΠΑΝΑΓΙΩΤΑ ΑΛΕΞΟΠΟΥΛΟΥ ΣΤΙΣ 20 ΝΟΕΜΒΡΙΟΥ

Η Παναγιώτα Αλεξοπούλου είναι από εκείνα τα πρόσωπα που είναι "πανταχού παρών," εκείνα που διακρίνονται για την δραστηριότητά τους σε πολλούς τομείς της ζωής μιάς Κοινότητας. Χρημάτισε πρόεδρος του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου του Καθεδρικού μας Ναού: εξακολουθεί να υπηρετεί ως μέλος και βοηθός ταμίας. Είναι μέλος του Συμβουλίου και της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας του Καθεδρικού Ναού και του Προεδρίου της Φιλοπτώχου Αδελφότητας της Μητροπόλεώς μας. Επίσης υπηρετεί σαν σύμβουλος της οργάνωσης που φροντίζει για την διδασκαλία ελληνικών στα πανεπιστήμια και τόσων άλλων οργανώσεων.

Η Κοινότητα τιμά την Πατ με δείπνο το Σάββατο 20 Νοεμβρίου, με δεξίωση στις 6 μ.μ. και φαγητό στις 7 μ.μ. Η προσφορά είναι \$40 το άτομο. Πρόεδρος της επιτροπής που οργανώνει την βραδιά αυτή είναι ο Αθανάσιος Νούρης, πρόεδρος και του Κοινοτικού Συμβουλίου του Καθεδρικού Ναού. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες ή για να κλείσετε θέσεις, τηλεφωνείστε στο Γραφείο του Καθεδρικού Ναού, στο 415 864-8000.



**ΔΙΑΦΟΡΑ ΠΝΕΥΜΑΤΙΚΑ-ΔΙΑΦΩΤΙΣΤΙΚΑ  
ΠΡΟΓΡΑΜΜΑΤΑ ΒΙΒΛΙΚΗ ΜΕΛΕΤΗ  
ΜΕ ΤΗΝ ΜΑΡΙΝΑ ΤΕΥΛΟΡ**

Πρόσφατα έλαβαν όλα τα μέλη γράμμα από την Μαρίνα, στο οποίο περιγράφει το πρόγραμμα βιβλικής μελέτης που γίνεται κάθε Κυριακή στον Καθεδρικό μας Ναό, στην αίθουσα συνεδρίασης, μετά τη Θεία Λειτουργία, στα ελληνικά. Όπως γράφει η κ. Τεύλορ, δίδεται έμφαση στο πως μπορούμε και μεις να συμμετάσχουμε προσωπικά στα Χριστολογικά γεγονότα (των δεσποτικών εορτών). Γιατί, τονίζει, όταν ο άνθρωπος ζει μυστηριακά και ασκητικά, σύμφωνα με το πνεύμα της Ορθοδόξου Παραδόσεως, τότε ζει πνευματικά τα γεγονότα της Θείας Ενανθρωπήσεως μέσα στη καρδιά του και γενικότερα σε όλη την ύπαρξή του.

Επακολουθεί το πρόγραμμα της μελέτης. Τον Οκτώβριο έχει ως εξής:

3 Οκτωβρίου· Η ενανθρώπιση του Λόγου του Θεού, κατά τον Μ. Αθανάσιο

10 Οκτωβρίου· Ο Θεός έγινε άνθρωπος για να κάνει τον άνθρωπο θεό κατά χάριν

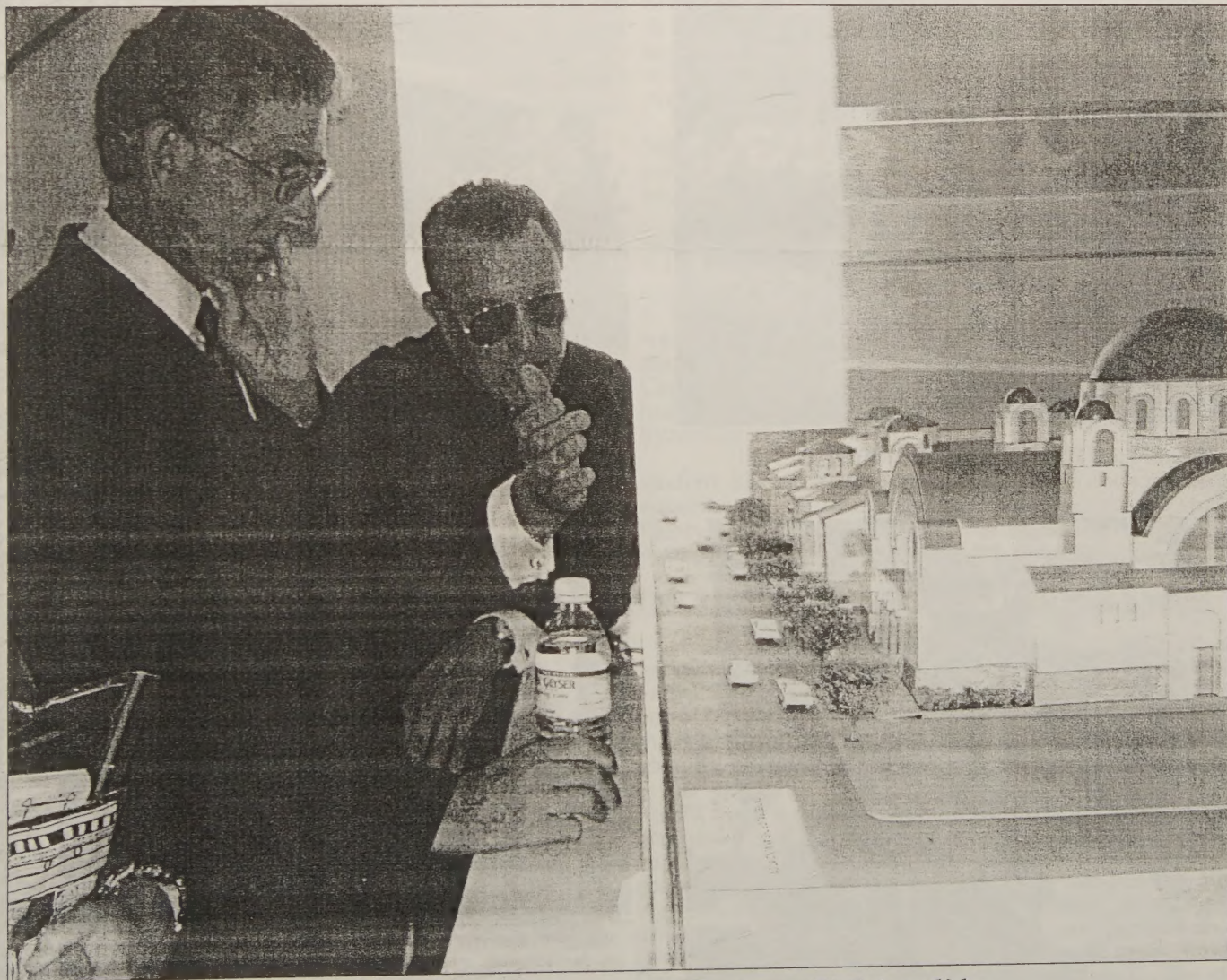
17 Οκτωβρίου· Το ξύλο της γνώσεως και το ξύλο της ζωής

24 Οκτωβρίου· Η Γέννηση του Χριστού

31 Οκτωβρίου· Η Περιτομή του Χριστού

Καλείσθε όπως παρακολουθήσετε το σπουδαίο αυτό μάθημα.

Πληροφορείσθε ότι, γίνονται και μαθήματα βιβλικής μελέτης στα αγγλικά. Κάθε Πέμπτη, 7-9 μ.μ., ο Πατέρας Παύλος διδάσκει μάθημα βάσει του Ευαγγελίου του κατά Λουκάν, δίνοντας ειδική προσοχή στις περικοπές που παρουσιάζουν το έλεος του Θεού, όπως π.χ. τον Καλό Σαμαρίτη, κλπ. Τις Κυριακές το πρωί κατά την διάρκεια του Όρθρου, θα γίνεται ένα μάθημα για προσηλυτους με στόχο να ασπασθούν την Ορθοδοξία και να βαπτιστούν ή να χριστούν. Παρεταίρω, σκεπτόμαστε να οργανώσουμε προγράμματα που δύνανται να ανταποκριθούν σε ανάγκες τυχόν πενθούντων, ηλικιωμένων, ακόμα και πτωχών και αστέγων. Θέλουμε επίσης να φέρουμε πίσω στην Εκκλησία πιστούς που τέλεσαν πολιτικό γάμο ή σε άλλο δόγμα ή άλλη ομολογία, η που πήραν πολιτικό και όχι εκκλησιαστικό διαζύγιο, ώστε να γίνουν εντάξει με την Ορθόδοξη Εκκλησία.



Father Stephen with California State Treasurer Phil Angelides  
viewing the model for our Annunciation Cathedral and  
discussing our plans for rebuilding. . . . . (We can dream - can't we?)



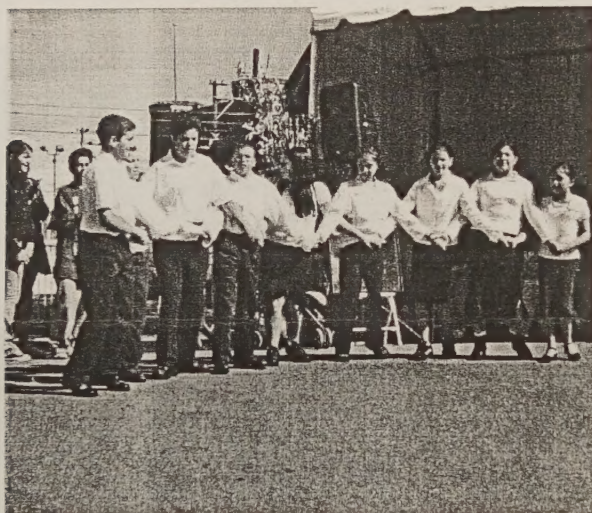
# Cathedral Visual Memories



Most important part of the Food Festival-  
the workers in the kitchen!



How about our great dancers?



More of our great dancers!



What can we say? - Opah!



Indoor foodline hard worker Tatiana  
enjoying a break outside with buddies



Getting ready  
for the big moment!



## ONGOING EDUCATION AT THE CATHEDRAL BIBLE STUDY/LEARNING COMMUNITY AT THE CATHEDRAL

On Thursday evenings, beginning September 30, from 7 to 9 p.m., Father Paul Schroeder will be leading a new study group at the Cathedral. Entitled "Luke: The Gospel of Compassion," the study will focus on the Gospel of Luke, as noted below. We will also be reading *Compassion: A Reflection on the Christian Life* by Henri Nouwen.

More than just a Bible study, the purpose of the gathering will be to form a "learning community," that is, a group of people who are interested in learning together and also sharing in spiritual growth by supporting and praying for one another. In addition, we will plan a series of outreach activities within our local neighborhood and community.

Join us on Thursday, September 30, at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room.

The schedule is as follows:

September 30: Introduction (distribute text)  
October 7: Session One: Mary: Luke 1:26-56;  
Chapter One: God is With Us

October 14: Session Two: John the Baptist: Luk3 3:1-23a;  
Chapter 2: Servant God  
October 21: Session Three: Beginning of the Ministry:  
Luke 4:1-30; Chapter 3: Obedient God  
October 28: Session Four: Ministry of Healing: Luke  
4:31-44; 5:12-16; 7:11-17;  
Chapter 4: Community  
November 4: Session Five: Ministry of Teaching:  
Luke 6: 20-49; Chapter 4: Displacement  
November 11: Session Six: Ministry of Parables: Luke  
10:25-37, 15:11-32, 16:19-31;  
Chapter 5: Togetherness  
November 18: Session Seven: Last Supper and  
Crucifixion: Luke 22, 23;  
Chapter 6: Patience  
December 2: Session Eight: Resurrection and Ascension:  
Luke 24; Chapter 7: Prayer  
December 9: Session Nine: Pentecost; the first Christian  
Community: Acts 2; Chapter 9: Action  
December 16: Epilogue: Nativity of Christ: Luke 2:1-20

### PRE-MARRIAGE CLASSES AT THE CATHEDRAL

Until recently, couples planning to be married at the Cathedral met at least four times with Father Stephen, prior to their marriage. On the first meeting, matters generally pertaining to their marriage was discussed, and the date for their marriage was set. At the last meeting, their marriage affidavit (application for a church license) was completed and the rehearsal date set. The second and third meetings aimed at topics relating to marriage, in accordance with their own needs and circumstances. These topics included an overview of the Orthodox perspective of marriage, marital relations, celebrating and growing, and a number of issues, including in-laws, communication, and fighting fair, money management, and mixed faiths, as applicable.

Beginning 2005, couples planning to be married at the Cathedral will continue to meet four times. The first and fourth meetings will be private, while the second and third meetings will take place with other couples who are also planning to be married within the same six-month period. Those meetings will take place on Tuesday, February 8, 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday, April 19, also 7-9 p.m. The meetings will take place in the second floor conference room.

### CATHEDRAL TO OFFER CLASSES IN BYZANTINE CHANT, BEGINNING JANUARY 18

In its ongoing service to the parish but also to all the parishes, as Cathedral of the Metropolis, the Annunciation will be the setting for a Beginning Byzantine Chant class as well as an Intermediate Byzantine Chant class, to begin January 18. The beginning class, which is designed for individuals who have never encountered Byzantine notation, is open to all who wish to learn the fundamentals of church music and serve their respective parishes in the Bay Area by learning the various hymns from Vespers and Orthros (the evening and morning prayer services of the Orthodox Church.) This class will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco (between 14th Street and Duboce), Tuesday evenings, beginning January 18, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The intermediate class, which is designed for individuals who have some ability reading Byzantine notation and some exposure to Byzantine chant, is open to all who wish to master the hymnology of the Church and serve their respective parishes in the Bay Area by assisting or, in some

cases, assuming the chanter position.. Some of our parishes are without chanters and, therefore, these vital prayer services are either omitted or are simply read. This class will be held at the Annunciation Cathedral Thursday evenings, beginning January 20, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Both groups will meet together every Saturday, beginning January 22, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will participate in Vespers, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Both groups will conclude on the Saturday of Lazaros, April 23.

The classes will be taught by **John Boyer**, who is well known to us as Assistant Chanter. John, a student at the University of California, at Berkeley, began learning hymnology at the Holy Trinity, Portland parish, at the age of 4. John has received training in Byzantine Music by the well-known choirmaster and chanter, **Lycourgos Angelopoulos**, in Greece. In addition, John sings with **Capella Romana**, an internationally acclaimed choir, which has been recording not only contemporary, but also early Byzantine chant.

The tuition for these intensive classes is \$225 per student, \$30 for texts and materials. The tuition can be paid either by the student or the parish sponsoring the student. Plenty of parking is available. For registration information, please contact the Cathedral at 415 864-8000.

### INTRODUCING THE ORTHODOX FAITH

Once in a while, people come to the Cathedral expressing an interest in learning more about the Orthodox Faith. Some have seen our web site, or have read any number of books on the Faith. Some have come in contact with the Faith by attending our festival. Still others, because their spouse (present or future) is a member of the Faith.

Recently, however, a larger number of people (10 or 12 at a time) have been meeting with our clergy on a one to one basis. And, so, we have decided to hold a class, simply entitled "Introducing the Orthodox Faith." The Class will convene in the second floor conference room Sunday morning, October 17, at 9 a.m. (during Orthros). It will go on until 10:15, to enable attendance and participation in the Divine Liturgy. The class will continue until Sunday, December 19. A new class will begin January 2. The class will be taught initially by **Father Paul Schroeder**, and other members of the clergy. It is required for those adults who are preparing for Baptism in the Faith, but it is open to any member of the Cathedral who wishes to learn more about his/her faith. The text which will be used is **Introducing the Orthodox Church**, by Father Anthony Coniaris.



## GRIEF COUNSELING, SENIOR REFERRAL AND OTHER PROGRAMS

We are currently developing other programs, including one offering grief counseling to bereaved members and a referral service primarily for our seniors.

Often, following the final days of our loved ones, some times spent in a hospital or a nursing home, and the funeral, we seldom come into contact with family members, with the exception perhaps of a phone call or two, until the fortieth day, when the family brings kollyva (memorial wheat) to church and a prayer service is held at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. The Church can be source of great comfort and consolation during this time, especially when death comes suddenly, particularly in the case of young people. To answer this need, a program in grief counseling is being developed.

In addition, a program is being developed to help answer questions and needs of our senior members, especially those who have difficulty speaking English. Just recently, we were called by one such member who senses the need for nursing care or assisted living. This person, who does not speak English, wanted to know how to go about it.

Then, a program called "Mission to the Mission" aims at involving community members in education, youth mentoring, advocacy, and food ministry both in the immediate and in the larger area surrounding the Cathedral, wherever a need exists. This is a more hands on approach, beginning with educating ourselves on needs, teaming up with others who are already doing this work, as pastors, community leaders and social workers, and developing a cohesive core group of volunteers.

Finally, a program inviting couples who've been out of touch with the Church to "come back home." A number of people who have been baptized in the Orthodox Church have not married in the Orthodox Church. If married, they've married in other churches or civilly. Or, perhaps they are separated and received a civil divorce but, if they married in the Orthodox Church, they have not gotten their divorce from the Church. We invite these people to "come back home to the Church," that is, to normalize themselves so that they can be in good standing...receive Holy Communion, serve as sponsors of baptisms or marriages. You may have heard about a "group wedding" which took place in another church involving 150 couples! That's another program in the making.

If you would like to know more about how you can be involved either at the program development or program implementation stages, please speak with Father Stephen, Father Gregory, or Father Paul.

## THE ORTHODOX CHURCH ON THE ENVIRONMENT

As is well-known, the Ecumenical Patriarchate has taken the lead, among the Christian Churches, in matters pertaining to the environment. Each year, His All Holiness, the Ecumenical Patriarch, produces an encyclical (formal declaration) at the beginning of the ecclesiastical year, September 1. These encyclicals are significant sources for dissemination of teaching about humans, their relationship to the rest of creation, and to God. We are pleased to reprint this year's encyclical by Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew for your edification:

Protocol no. 709 September 1, 2004

BARTHOLOMEW, BY THE MERCY OF GOD  
ARCHBISHOP OF CONSTANTINOPLE,  
NEW ROME AND ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH  
TO THE ENTIRE PLENITUDE OF THE CHURCH

## GRACE AND PEACE FROM THE CREATOR OF THE WHOLE OF CREATION, OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

Beloved Brothers and Children in the Lord,

Fifteen years ago, our venerable predecessor, the late Patriarch Demetrios issued the first official decree for the preservation of the natural environment, an encyclical letter to the pleroma of the Church, formally establishing September 1st as a day of prayer for the protection of the environment. That historical proclamation emphasized the significance of the eucharistic and the ascetic ethos of our tradition, which provide a corrective for a consumer lifestyle and an alternative to the prevailing philosophy of our age.

The Church Fathers have always insisted on the critical importance of self-examination as a pre-condition for spiritual growth. Echoing the classical oracle of Delphi, Clement of Alexandria exhorts: "Know yourself! If you know yourself, you will know all things." Evagrius of Pontus states: "He who knows himself knows God." And Isaac the Syrian claims: "To know oneself is to know one's failures, which leads to the resurrection of the dead." Therefore, let us consider what we have learned as a Church over the last fifteen years. What knowledge have we gained? What failures have we experienced? And what direction should we now assume?

In the five summer seminars that were held annually from 1994-1998 at the Theological School on the Island of Halki, we learned about the close connections between environmental issues and education, ethics, communication, justice, and poverty. And in the five international symposia held biannually from 1995 to date, we have explored the impact of our wasteful lifestyle on the waters of the Aegean Sea, the Black Sea, the Danube River, the Adriatic Sea, and the Baltic Sea. Together with theologians, scientists, politicians and journalists, we recognized in a tangible manner the responsibility that we all bear - before one another, before our world, and before our God - for the destruction of our world's natural beauty, for the depletion of the earth's resources, and for the devastation of our planet's diversity. More especially, we have appreciated how the preservation of the natural environment is intimately related to the cessation of warfare, to the restoration of social justice and to the management of world poverty. We have learned how the way that we treat human beings is directly reflected in the way that we relate to the natural environment, as well as to the worship that we exclusively reserve for God. It should come as no surprise to us that we are able to misuse the natural and material creation when we are able to abuse our fellow-human beings. The Mother Church has been at the forefront of significant gatherings and agreements of world peace and welfare, of economic and social reform, of human rights and religious tolerance.

When it comes to the appropriate response and the proper theological reflection, there is no doubt that our Orthodox Church has a great deal to contribute to the contemporary debate concerning ecology. We are able to draw upon the depth and wealth of our Scriptural and Patristic heritage in order to contribute positively and constructively to the critical issues of our time. Where, however, as Orthodox Christians we reveal the greatest vulnerability is in the practice of our theory.

It is always the easier approach to lay blame on Western development and technological progress for the ills that we confront in our world. And it is always a temptation to believe that we hold the solution to problems that we all face today or else to ignore the imminent danger that we

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# ANNUNCIATION CATHEDRAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# October 2004

| Sunday   | Monday | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                                     | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--|---|--|--------|----------|
|  |        | <b>Sunday Schedule</b><br>9:00 am - Orthros<br>9:00 - 10:15 am - Introducing the Orthodox Faith<br>10:30 am - Divine Liturgy & Sunday School<br>12:00 am - Coffee Hour<br>12:30 pm - Greek Bible Study |   |  | 1      | 2        |
| 10:30 - Hi School<br>Sunday classes begin            | 3      | 4  | 4-6 - Greek School<br>for Children<br>6-8 - Greek School<br>for Adults<br>7 - Festival Volunteers<br>Social | Bible Study / Learning<br>Community begins   | 8      | 9        |
| 10   | 11     | 12   | 4-6 - Greek School<br>for Children<br>6-8 - Greek School<br>for Adults<br>7 - Finance Committee<br>Meeting  | 6:30 - Basketball<br>Registration & Practide | 15     | + 16     |
| 17   | 18     | 19   | 4-6 - Greek School<br>for Children<br>6-8 - Greek School<br>for Adults<br>7 - Parish Council<br>Meeting     | 6:30 - Basketball<br>Registration            | 22     | 23       |
| 24   | 25     | + 26   | 4-6 - Greek School<br>for Children<br>6-8 - Greek School<br>for Adults                                      | 6:30 - Basketball<br>Registration            | 29     | 30       |
| Following Liturgy -<br>12-2 Youth<br>Halloween Party | 31     |  |   |  |        |          |



face globally. What is more difficult - and yet at the same time more noble - is to discern the degree to which we constitute part of the problem itself. Just how many of us examine the foods that we consume, the goods that we purchase, the energy that we waste, or the consequences of our privileged living? How often do we take the time to scrutinize the choices that we make on a daily basis, whether as individuals, as institutions, as parishes, as communities, as societies, and even as nations?

More importantly, just how many of our Orthodox clergy are prepared to assume leadership on issues concerning the environment? How many of our Orthodox parishes and communities are prepared to materialize the knowledge that we have accumulated in recent years by practicing ecologically-sensitive principles in their own communities? How do the decisions of any local community and parish reflect on a practical and tangible level the experience that we have gained on a theoretical level?

In an age when the information is readily available to us, there is surely no excuse for ignorance or indifference. To overlook is to shut our eyes to a reality that is ever-present and ever-increasing. Former generations and cultures may have been unaware of the implications of their actions. Nevertheless, today, more perhaps than any other time or age, we are in a unique position. Today, we stand at a crossroads, namely at a point of choosing the cross that we have to bear. For, today, we know fully well the ecological and global impact of our decisions and actions, irrespective of how minimal or insignificant these may be.

It is our sincere hope and fervent prayer that in the years ahead, more and more of our Orthodox faithful will recognize the importance of a crusade for our environment, which we have so selfishly ignored. This vision, we are convinced, will only benefit future generation by leaving behind a cleaner, better world. We owe it to our Creator. And we owe it to our children.

May we be strengthened by God to make the right decisions and may the grace and infinite mercy of our Lord and God Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

## COME RECEIVE THE LIGHT RADIO PROGRAM

Each week Come Receive the Light, a national Orthodox Christian radio program, is aired on KDIA AM 1640, Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. We would ask our parishioners to tune in and see what you think of the program. We find it to be informative, inspirational, and very well done. Tune in and see for yourself if this isn't so. We also refer you to their web site, [www.receive.org](http://www.receive.org). For additional information about the Orthodox Christian Network, you may call 877-273-2348.

## RECENT SERVICES AT THE CATHEDRAL

### **BAPTISMS**

Nickolas Alexandros, son of Nickolas Spiliotopoulos and Monserrat Acuna, was baptized at the Cathedral September 4. His sponsors are Georgia Anagnostopoulos and Steve Vlahakos.

Julie Anderson, bride to be of Bill Vlahos, was baptized at the Cathedral September 30. Her sponsor is Yvonne Banis. Na Mas Zisoun! A Long Life!

### **MARRIAGE**

The marriage of David Paul Neeve and Anastasia Skourkes was blessed on September 25. Their sponsor was Constantine Skourkes.

### **FUNERALS**

Persefoni Karakitsou, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 8, was buried September 10. She is survived by a sister, Voula Handras, and several other siblings.

Stacey Erin Doukas, who fell asleep in the Lord on September 8, was buried September 11. She is survived by her parents, George and Marianne, her brother, Gregory and grandparents, Dr. Stephen Saribaldis and Tula Doukas. Aionia aftion i mnimi! May their memory be eternal!



Since we were blessed with good weather during our Festival, our guests willingly enjoyed themselves outdoors.



## **GIVE A LITTLE... GET A LITTLE... MINI COOPER 2005!**

The Annunciation Cathedral is pleased to present a new kind of raffle, one that has generated a lot of interest during the Festival. We are raffling off a **2005 Mini Cooper**. The winner will have a 1 in 444 chances to win. The donation is \$111. Perhaps you have a teenager at home who wants a car. Perhaps you have a college student in need of a car. What's better than a Mini Cooper, which has become all the rage about town. Who knows? You may just be the one to win that car for them. Or, perhaps, for yourself. You could be that lucky winner. Then, you always have the satisfaction of knowing that your donation has gone to help the church, too.

Won't you take a minute to read through the flyer below and complete and return the cutoff portion, at your earliest convenience. As you can see, the raffle is for a 2005 silver metallic Mini Cooper, secured by the Annunciation Cathedral through Mini of San Francisco. The car which is being raffled off includes the following options: premium package, multi function steering wheel, glass moon roof, air conditioning, automatic transmission and a CD stereo player. Vehicle tax and license for this Mini Cooper are also included. Now, let's say you win the car, but would like to get a BMW (which is sold through the same dealership),

instead. Well, you could get a credit for the amount of the Mini Cooper described, and you would pay the difference for the more expensive car. We've been asked this question, and we are happy to clarify for you.

Meanwhile, we note that the drawing will be conducted when 444 tickets at \$111 are sold. The Annunciation Cathedral Parish Council reserves the right to make adjustments, but in no case will more than 444 tickets be sold. The winner will be notified by mail, that is, in writing, and must be at least 18 years of age to win. The winner accepts the responsibility for insurance, income taxes and other costs of owning a vehicle. All that having been said, we think this is a great raffle, and this is why people are responding so well.

We sold about 100 tickets during the 3 day festival alone. At this rate, we believe the tickets will go in no time and we will be able to conduct the raffle immediately thereafter. By the way, **John Sooklaris offers a Mini Cooper Raffle ticket to the child, 17 and under**, who sells the most raffle tickets! In case of tie, a coin will be tossed to determine the winner. If youth plan to sell tickets, their names should be located on the voucher as salesperson. We've said it before - Kids are great salespeople - *They are irresistible!*

How about it? *Go for the Cooper!* For additional information, see **Michael Bagatelos**, our Mini Cooper chair, or call the Cathedral, at 415 864-8000.

# **Give a little Get a little**



# **Mini Cooper 2005**

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## **A Raffle for a 2005 Mini Cooper**

**Donation: \$111 • Total number of tickets to be sold: 444**

Raffle is for a 2005 silver metallic Mini Cooper, secured by the Annunciation Cathedral through Mini of San Francisco, 1726 Howard Street, San Francisco, which includes the following options: premium package, multi-function steering wheel, glass moon roof, air conditioning, automatic transmission and CD stereo player. Vehicle tax and license are included. The drawing will be conducted during 2005 at the Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, when 444 tickets at \$111 are sold or at the discretion of the Parish Council. Winner will be notified by mail. Must be at least 18 years of age. Insurance, income taxes and other costs of owning a vehicle are the responsibility of the winner. The Annunciation Cathedral shall not be held liable for any omissions, acts of God, or failure of the winner to comply.



Please complete with payment for **Mini Cooper 2005 Raffle** and return to  
Annunciation Cathedral, 245 Valencia Street, SF CA 94103, to reserve your ticket

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_

Visa/Mastercard/American Express: Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



## DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 14, 2004

Thanksgiving Luncheon

NOVEMBER 20, 2004

Patricia Aleck Appreciation Dinner

DECEMBER 4, 2004

Metropolis Philoptochos Holiday Brunch

DECEMBER 12, 2004

Parish Council Elections

DECEMBER 19, 2004

Sunday School Christmas Program/Luncheon

JANUARY 18, 2005

Byzantine Chant (Beginners)

JANUARY 20, 2005

Byzantine Chant (Intermediate)

JANUARY 21, 2005

Cathedral Philoptochos Crab Feed

MARCH 12, 2005

Honoring the Korinthias Committee

OCTOBER 29, 2005

Metropolitan Anthony's Retirement Banquet

NOVEMBER 11, 2006

70th Anniversary Celebration

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Have we said "Thank You!"

to all the

Wonderful Volunteers

who prepared for

and worked at our

2004 Festival?

Even if we have, we cannot

say it enough!!

THANK YOU, ALL!!!

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